

TRAVELING TO TBILISI, GEORGIA

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This report provides useful information a foreign traveler needs to consider traveling to Georgia, including tips how to obtain a Georgian visa, how to get to and from Georgia, where to stay and other useful tips and contact information.

Country Data (of June 21, 2004)

Source: www.parliament.ge/GENERAL/C_D/countrydata.html

Form of Governance	Presidential Republic
President	Mikheil Saakashvili
Chairman of Parliament	Nino Burjanadze
Prime Minister	Zurab Zhvania
Geographic location	South Caucasus ; in the longitude of 40 ° - 47 ° E., in the latitude 41 ° - 44 ° N.
Area	69.700 km ²
Population	5,411,000 (1995), 56% residential, 44% rural
Capital	Tbilisi , population – 1,253,000
Principal towns	Kutaisi - (241,100), Rustavi- (158,000), Batumi - (137,100), Zugdidi - (105,000 including IDP from Abkhazia), Chiatura - (70,000), Gori - (70,000), Poti - (50,900)

Administrative-territorial units	The country is divided into 9 districts ¹ , 65 regions, 5 towns of Republic Dependence (not incl. Abkhazia and Tskhinvali)
National currency	Georgian Lari (in order to view the up-to-date rate click here)
GDP	US\$ 995 per capita (1998)
Mortality rate	7.7% (May 1,1998)
Birth rate	11.2% (May 1,1998)
IDP	288,000 in Georgia, 118,000 Georgian refugees in Russia
Life expectancy	72.63 (76.12 for women, 68.70 for men, 1990)
State Language	Georgian , on the territory of Abkhazia - Georgian and Abkhazian
State Symbolics	The Flag and the Emblem of Georgia and National Anthem
Religion	Main religion is Greek Orthodoxy , other confessional groups include Shiite and Sunni Muslims, Armenian Gregorians, Catholics, Baptists, Judaists
Unemployment rate	6% at labor exchange, 20% - 25% by forecast of experts
HDI	0.645 (1993)

Getting to and from Tbilisi



¹ Administrative-territorial units in Georgia include: two autonomous republics Abkhazia and Ajaria, and 9 districts Guria, Imereti, Kakheti, Kvemo Kartli, Mtskheta-Mtianeti, Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti, Samtskhe Javakheti, Shida Kartli, Racha-Lechkhumi and Kvemo Svaneti.

Air

There are no direct flights to Georgia from the United States. However, international airline companies do operate regular flights to and from Tbilisi including Austrian Airlines (two direct flights to/from Vienna, Austria), Turkish Airlines (two direct scheduled flights to/from Istanbul, Turkey), KLM (operates three direct flights to Tbilisi from Amsterdam), British Mediterranean (a franchise partner of British Airways, operates three direct scheduled flights to Tbilisi from Heathrow Airport in London). National airline Airzena Georgian Airlines (A9) also operates regular flights from Athens, Frankfurt/Main, Vienna, Prague, Kiev, Moscow, Paris, St Petersburg, Tashkent, Tehran, Tel Aviv, and others. Other airlines serving Georgia include: Aeroflot, Air Ukraine, Tbilaviamsheni, AZAL, and Siberia Airlines.

International airport: Tbilisi (TBS) is 18km (11 miles) east of Tbilisi city center. Although a new airport has been constructed quite recently, there are few facilities (no restaurants or public telephones). In winter, there are frequent power failures, which may affect the airport. Private taxis and buses are available.

Sea

The main ports on the Black Sea are Batumi and Poti. Batumi and Poti provide international connections with the Black Sea ports of Odessa, Sochi, Trabzon and Istanbul, and the Mediterranean ports of Genoa and Piraeus.

Road

Highways connect Georgia with the Russian Federation in the north via the Caucasian Road Tunnel (currently closed) and the Georgian Military Highway to North Ossetia. Other main routes connect with Turkey, Armenia and Azerbaijan. Currently, visitors are advised not to cross the Georgia-Russia border in either direction by vehicle.

Obtaining a Georgian Visa

The following documents are mandatory for obtaining all types of Georgian visa:

1. Completed and signed Application form, which you can obtain from either the Consular Office of Georgian Embassy or online. It is recommended to apply for a visa in the country of your residence. However if there is no Georgian Embassy or Consulate in the country of your residence, you should apply in the closest Diplomatic Mission of Georgia. Information about the closest Georgian Embassies and Consulates can be found at www.mfa.gov.ge/about/ebconsulates.
2. Applicant's valid passport (not photocopy). Passport should be valid until at least 3 months after the expiration of the visa, and must contain at least two blank pages.
3. One passport-size color photo.

4. Appropriate Consular fee (a certified check, payable to Consulate office of the Embassy of Georgia). No cash or personal checks are accepted.

In order to obtain a Georgian visa you may visit Consulate during opening hours or sent application by post. Sending application by post you should also enclose a pre-paid self-addressed return envelope, large enough to contain your passport.

Depending on the purpose of your visit to Georgia there are different types of visa. The following documents are required additionally for different types of visas apart to the above-mentioned mandatory documents:

Private Visa (staying with relatives or friends).

1. The personal petition of the visitor.

Business Visa (business, commercial purposes, attending a conference, exhibition or a trade fair, traveling as a journalist, or to work, etc.)

1. A letter of petition from the inviting company registered in Georgia².
2. A letter of introduction from the employer.

Consular fees for Private or Business Visa are the following:³

Single entry Visa up to 1 month: USD 10

Single entry Visa up to 3 month: USD 30

Double entry Visa up to 1 month: USD 15

Double entry Visa up to 3 month: USD 45

Visa processing takes 5-14 working days.

Transit Visa ⁴

1. Visa of the country of destination (if applicable).
2. A photocopy of your confirmed air ticket to and from Georgia (if applicable).

Consular fee for Single entry-exit Transit Visa up to 3 days: USD 5.

Multiple-Entry (business) Visa ⁴

1. A letter of invitation from the inviting company registered in Georgia.
2. A letter of introduction from the employer.

Consular fee for Multiple-entry Visa up to 1 year: USD 100.

Visa processing takes up to 45 working days.

Note: Visas can also be issued in the Georgian border points. The former rule of double charging on the border points was abolished. At the airport you can obtain Georgian single entry/exit visa up to maximum 1 month (price USD 10).

² The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia should endorse invitations from foreign organizations based in Georgia.

³ Consular fees are in force from August 13, 2004.

⁴ In some cases other documents may also be required.

Embassy of Georgia in the U.S.

1101 15th Street NW

Suite 602

Washington DC 20005

Tel: (202) 387-2390

Fax: (202) 393-4537

E-mail: embassy@georgiaemb.org

Consular Office. Working hours: Mon-Fri, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

1615 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Suite 300

Washington, D.C. 20009

Tel: (202) 393-6060, 387-9150

Fax: (202) 393-4537

E-mail: consulate@georgiaemb.org

www.georgiaemb.org - Georgian Embassy in the U.S.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ms. Salome Zourabichvili, Minister

4 Chitadze Street

Tbilisi 0118, Georgia

Tel: (995 32) 284837, 284846

Tel/Fax: (995 32) 284747

E-mail: inform@mfa.gov.ge

Consular Department

Mr. George Tabatadze, Department Head

Tel: (995 32) 284682

E-mail: consdep2@mfa.gov.ge

[http:// www.mfa.gov.ge/consularinfo](http://www.mfa.gov.ge/consularinfo) - Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Consular information.

***Services for U.S. Citizens in Georgia***

The Consular Section at the American Embassy in Tbilisi provides a range of services to American citizens in Georgia. More information about these services can be obtained at the Embassy:

U.S. Embassy in Georgia

25 Atoneli Street

Tbilisi 0105, Georgia

Tel: (995 32) 989967, 989968

Tel/Fax: (995 32) 922953

Web site: <http://georgia.usembassy.gov>



All U.S. citizens residing in Georgia are encouraged to register with the Embassy's Consular Section. American citizens visiting Georgia for short periods may also register. In order to register a complete registration form and U.S. passport should be presented at the Consular section of the U.S. Embassy in Tbilisi.

Registrations allow us to:

- replace your passport quickly if it is lost or stolen;
- contact you in case your relatives need to pass you an emergency message;
- release information about you or your whereabouts to family or friends you wish to designate in a Privacy Act Waiver.

The State Department maintains Consular Information Sheets on every country of the world, providing basic information on travel conditions and contact information for American Embassies and Consulates. This information can be found on the Internet at <http://travel.state.gov/>. You may also read or receive a copy of any Consular Information Sheet, including [Georgia's](#), at the Consular Section. The Consular Section also maintains current information on travel advisories issued by the State Department.



Health Recommendations

No compulsory vaccination is necessary traveling in Georgia, but recommended immunizations includes: diphtheria, tetanus, hepatitis A, and polio. Foreign citizens staying in Georgia for more than one month might be required to present a certificate on absence of the AIDS-infection.



Tap water is safe to drink in most areas. Mineral carbonated or still water is a good alternative to tap water, and it is recommended to purchase it only through authorized dealers. Sanitation and public health control measures in Georgia, although not absent, are not up to U.S. standards. Thus, it is recommended to closely follow basic preventive health practices.

Safe driving is the most important thing one should be aware of in Georgia.

The risk of becoming seriously ill or injured in Georgia is no greater than it would be in the U.S. The list of medical care providers is given below:

IMSS – International Medical Support Services
32/34 Makashvili Street (at Betsy hotel)
Tbilisi, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 920928, 921670
Fax: (995 32) 920928
Emergency: (995 99) 100311, 436436
E-mail: imss@info.ge
[http:// www.imss.ge](http://www.imss.ge)

David Tatishvili Medical Center
8 T. Abuladze Street
Tbilisi 0179, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 913119, 913242
Fax: (995 32) 253938
E-mail: usdc@gol.ge

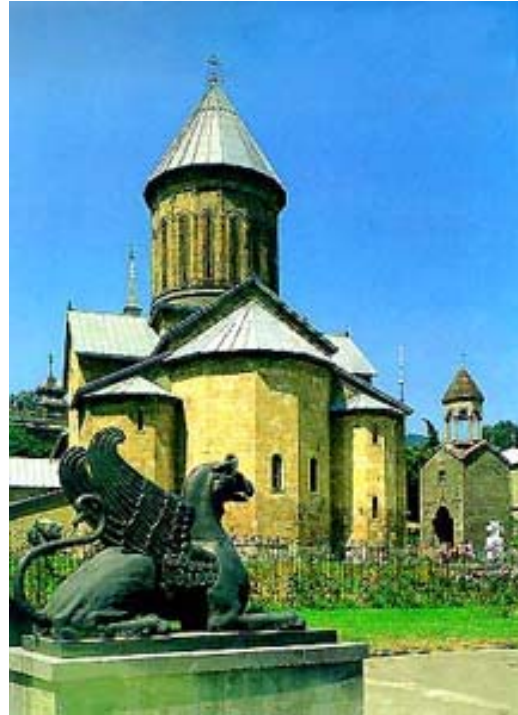
CITO – Swiss-Georgian Joint Medical Center
2 Arakishvili Street
Tbilisi 0179, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 290671
Fax: (995 32) 290672
E-mail: cito@access.sanet.ge

Medi Club Georgia
5 I. Chavchavadze Avenue
Tbilisi 0179, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 251991
Fax: (995 32) 250911
Emergency: (995 99) 581991, 511991
E-mail: mcg@mcg.com.ge

Travel Agencies

Levon Travel
20 Chavchavadze Avenue
Tbilisi 0179, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 250010, 2500060
Fax: (995 32) 232399
E-mail: sales@levontravel.com
[http:// www.levontravel.ge](http://www.levontravel.ge)

CTS/CWT- Carlson Wagonlit Representation
44 Leselidze Street
Tbilisi 0105, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 999333, 995262



Fax: (995 32) 998008
E-mail: cwt@georgia.com.ge
[http:// www.carlsonwagonlit.com](http://www.carlsonwagonlit.com)

VIP & BTC – American Express
67 D. Agmashenebeli Avenue
Tbilisi 0102, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 940364
Fax: (995 32) 941706
E-mail: vip@amexgeorgia.com
[http:// www.btc.com.ge](http://www.btc.com.ge)

Caucasus Travel Ltd
44 Leselidze Street
Tbilisi 0105, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 987400, 931175, 931692
Fax: (995 32) 987399
E-mail: welcome@caucasustravel.com
[http:// www.caucasustravel.com.ge](http://www.caucasustravel.com.ge)

One of the largest tour operators, excursions, mountain guides, ski teachers and rescue insurance, tours, car rental, tickets, etc.

Georgian Events
44 Leselidze Street
Tbilisi 0105, Georgia
Tel/Fax: (995 32) 922978
E-mail: georgia@events.ge
[http:// www.events.ge](http://www.events.ge)

Spin-off company of the tour operator Caucasus Travel Ltd. Events planning, management and entertainment organization; organizing large and small international conferences and meetings, incl. logistics, translation, and secretarial services.

Argo Tour
28/8 Paliashvili Street
Tbilisi 0179, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 292706, 292779, 221506
Tel/Fax: (995 32) 220422
E-mail: argoutourizm@service.net.ge
[http:// www.argotour.ge](http://www.argotour.ge)

Intertour Ltd
7 Tamar Mepe Avenue
Tbilisi 0112, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 942641, 339966, 942880, 942446
Fax: (995 32) 942880
E-mail: intertour@gol.ge

[http:// www.intertour.ge](http://www.intertour.ge)

Georgian Travel – Thomas Cook
7 Freedom Square
Tbilisi 0105, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 960139, 960228, 969751
Fax: (995 32) 552020
E-mail: ggta@access.sanet.ge

State Department of Tourism in Georgia
80 Chavchavadze Avenue
Tbilisi 0174, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 226125
Fax: (995 32) 294052

Accommodations

Sheraton Metechi Palace Hotel ****
20 Telavi Street
Tbilisi 0103, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 772020
Fax: (995 32) 772120
E-mail: smpht@hotmail.com
[http:// www.sheraton.com/tbilisi](http://www.sheraton.com/tbilisi)



Courtyard Marriott Hotel ***
4 Freedom Square
Tbilisi 0105, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 779100
Fax: (995 32) 779110
E-mail: tbilisi_marriott@caucasus.net
[http:// www.courtyard.com/tbsey](http://www.courtyard.com/tbsey)



Tbilisi Marriott Hotel *****
13 Rustaveli Avenue
Tbilisi 0108, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 779200
Fax: (995 32) 779210
E-mail: tbilisi_marriott@caucasus.net
[http:// www.marriottthotel.com](http://www.marriottthotel.com)



Kopala Hotel ***
8/10 Chekhov Street
Tbilisi 0103, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 775520

Fax: (995 32) 775590
E-mail: hotel@kopala.ge
[http:// www.kopala.ge](http://www.kopala.ge)

Old Tbilisi Hotel ***
27 Ketevan Tsamebuli Avenue
Tbilisi 0103, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 773840/41/42/43
Fax: (995 32) 773844
E-mail: info@hoteloldtbilisi.com
[http:// www.hoteloldtbilisi.com](http://www.hoteloldtbilisi.com)

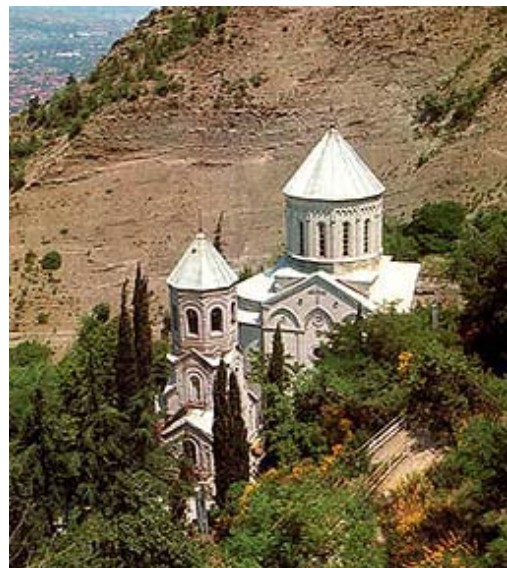
Villa Mtiebi ***
10 Chakrughadze Street
Tbilisi 0105, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 920340, 920341, 920342
Fax: (995 32) 923247
E-mail: tbilisi@hotelmtiebi.ge
[http:// www.hotelmtiebi.ge](http://www.hotelmtiebi.ge)

The Hotel Betsy ***
32/34 Makashvili Street
Tbilisi, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 931404, 923996, 982615
Fax: (995 32) 001237
E-mail: betsy@2121.ge
[http:// www.betsyhotel.com](http://www.betsyhotel.com)

Batesta
52 Saburtalo Street
Tel/Fax: (995 32) 536015
E-mail: batesta@access.sanet.ge
This guesthouse is located in an ecologically clean place in the central region of Tbilisi

Dzveli Metekhi Hotel ***
3 Metekhi Street
Tbilisi 0103, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 990536, 934571
Fax: (995 32) 997843
E-mail: oldmetechi@yahoo.com

This hotel is situated in one of the most ancient and historical areas of Tbilisi, there are 15 rooms of different types. The hotel accepts the following credit cards: Visa, American Express, and Master card.



Vere Palace Hotel ***

24/8 Kuchishvili Street

Tbilisi 0179, Georgia

Tel: (995 32) 253340, 253341, 253342

Fax: (995 32) 221298

E-mail: hotelp@access.sanet.ge

[http:// www.verepalace.com.ge](http://www.verepalace.com.ge)

This is a beautiful middle-sized hotel situated in the center of Tbilisi.

Simpatia Hotel ***

4 Gagarin first drive

Tbilisi 0173, Georgia

Tel: (995 32) 995588, 995934, 370590

Fax: (995 32) 995934

E-mail: info@simpatia.com.ge

[http:// www.simpatia.com.ge](http://www.simpatia.com.ge)

This is recently built beautiful 7-story hotel in the central part of Tbilisi.

Transportation and Car Rental

Tbilisi has well developed public transportation infrastructure. The main means of transportation are mini buses (so called “marshutkas”). Public buses and trolley buses might be a challenge to a foreigner. It is also not recommended to use metro due to unpredictable power shortage in Georgia even during summer time.

The following car rental places operate in Tbilisi:

Tbilisi Business Service Center Ltd.

Meidan Palace

44 Leselidze Street, post office box 27

Tbilisi 0108, Georgia

Tel: (995 32) 751044

Fax: (995 32) 751045

E-mail: info@tbsc.ge, customerservice@tbsc.ge

<http://www.tbsc.ge>

Car rental with driver for 3 hours costs USD 30-35, for 3-5 hours - USD 50-60, full day for 7 hours and more – USD 85-100. BMW 525 and Mercedes E-260 are available.

Company also provides with taxi services.

Hertz

44/II Leselidze Street

Tbilisi 0105, Georgia

Tel: (995 32) 922978, 931175

Fax: (995 32) 922978, 987399

E-mail: hertz@georgia.com.ge

[http:// www.caucasustravel.com.ge](http://www.caucasustravel.com.ge)

This company has variety of cars for rent, and provides cars with a driver (English speaking); price varies: Self drive for 1-3 days Niva - USD 60/day, Skoda Octavia - USD 88/day, Mitsubishi Pajero A/C 1989 - USD 105/day. Prices for car rental with a driver for 1-3 days are: Mercedes Bens G500 - USD 190/day, Toyota Land Cruiser – USD 120-190, Mitsubishi Pajero A/C 1995 – USD 150. Intercity transfer by bus and minibus is also available.

Levon Travel

20 Chavchavadze Avenue

Tbilisi 0179, Georgia

Tel: (995 32) 250010, 2500060

Fax: (995 32) 232399

E-mail: sales@levontravel.com

[http:// www.levontravel.ge](http://www.levontravel.ge)

Car rental with driver for 4 hours costs USD 40, with USD 10 per each additional hour.

Minivan rental with driver for 4 hours costs USD 60, with USD 15 per each additional hour.

Intertour Ltd

7 Tamar Mepe Avenue

Tbilisi 0112, Georgia

Tel: (995 32) 942641, 339966, 942880, 942446

Fax: (995 32) 942880

E-mail: intertour@gol.ge

[http:// www.intertour.ge](http://www.intertour.ge)

The best alternative to public transport is taxicab, which is not expensive in Georgia. There is tremendous number of taxicabs belonging to private drivers and to the companies providing taxi service.

There are taxi service companies with foreign cars in a good condition. It is recommended to use the service of these providers. The transportation cost in taxicab is 0.50 tetri (0.25 cents) per kilometer. A list of companies with foreign cars is given below:

Aldagi Assistance

Tel: (995 32) 929 (111) – Mercedes cabs

Taxicom

Tel: (995 32) 928 (111) - Mercedes cabs

Special Service

Tel: (995 32) 008, 923006, 921008 - Mitsubishi cabs

Sando Service

Tel: (995 32) 229, 227191 - Mercedes cabs

Tiko

Tel: (995 32) 200200 - Nissan cabs

Make Service

Tel: (995 32) 443-443 - Mercedes cabs

Other companies have Volga cabs in their service. Transportation cost is 20 tetri (10 cents) per kilometer.

Express Taxi

Tel: (995 32) 910607

Lord

Tel: (995 32) 986464

Nikoloz Khoperia/Avtogaz Nostalgia

Tel: (995 32) 939100, 363127

Saturn

Tel: (995 32) 380007



Translation and Interpretation

There are number of agencies that can provide professional level translators and interpreters. The fee is USD 50-100 a day for a professional interpreter depending on the length of translation service required, and the price for written translation of one page document varies from USD 5 to USD 6.5 depending on the specifics of the text.

Here is the contact info of some agencies located in the center of Tbilisi:

Dike International

16 Lermontov Street

Tel: (995 32) 9353 57; 921163

Fax: (995 32) 921163

E-mail: dikke@access.sanet.ge
[http:// www.dikke.com.ge](http://www.dikke.com.ge)

Tbilisi Business Service Center Ltd.
44 Leselidze Street, post office box 27
Tbilisi 0108, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 751044
Fax: (995 32) 751045
E-mail: info@tbsc.ge, customerservice@tbsc.ge
<http://www.tbsc.ge>

Lingvo Express
43 Chovelidze (former Belinsky) Street
Tel/Fax: (995 32) 990645
Cell: (995 99) 501452, 575914

Professional Training Group
82 Paliashvili Street
Tbilisi 0179, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 253496, (995 99) 969439
Fax: (995 32) 223496
E-mail: ggard@gol.ge
[http:// www.ptg-georgia.com](http://www.ptg-georgia.com)

Professional Translators' Bureau
40 Rustaveli Street
Tbilisi 0108, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 999109, (995 99) 280597
Fax: (995 32) 999109

Magi 22
14 Akhvlediani Street
Tel: (995 32) 999140

Business Support

Tbilisi Business Service Center Ltd.
Meidan Palace
44 Leselidze Street, post office box 27
Tbilisi 0108, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 751044
Fax: (995 32) 751045
E-mail: info@tbsc.ge, customerservice@tbsc.ge
<http://www.tbsc.ge>



Provides with well-equipped temporary or virtual offices for immediate start of business; meeting rooms with all necessary facilities; general and professional business translation and personal assistants; market research and analysis; airport and railroad transfer as well as taxi service by BMW and Mercedes sedans.

Meidan Palace Business Center
44 Leselidze Street
Tbilisi 0108, Georgia.
Tel: (995) 32 751100, 752112
Fax: (995 32) 754400
E-mail: meidanpalace@access.sanet.ge
[http:// www.meidanpalace.ge](http://www.meidanpalace.ge)

Expo Georgia Co.
118 Akaki Tsereteli Avenue
Tbilisi 0119, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 252479
Tel/Fax: (995 32) 958306, 942028
E-mail: expo@expogeorgia.ge
[http:// www.expo.com.ge](http://www.expo.com.ge), www.expogeorgia.ge

Additional Information

Climate



Georgia's climate is affected by subtropical influences from the west and Mediterranean influences from the east. The Greater Caucasus range moderates local climate by serving as a barrier against cold air from the north. The relatively small territory covers different climatic zones, which are determined by distance from the Black Sea and by altitude. The climatic zones are

ranging from humid subtropical to the eternal snow and glaciers.

Tbilisi has a continental climate with hot summers and chilly, damp winters without much spring. The fall is warm, beautiful and expressive. There is minimal snow in the capital in winter. Summers in Tbilisi tend to be quite stuffy with poor air quality. The table below shows the average monthly minimum and maximum temperatures (Fahrenheit) and precipitation (inches):

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Min.	28	31	36	45	54	60	66	66	59	49	39	32
Max.	43	46	54	65	75	82	87	88	79	68	56	46
Prn.	0.7	0.9	1.3	2.1	3.5	3.0	2.0	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.5	0.9

Georgian Public Holidays

January 1	New Year's Day
January 2	New Year's Day
January 7	Orthodox Christmas
January 19	Epiphany
March 3	Mother's Day
March 8	International Women's Day
April 9	Memorial Day
April 29	Good Friday (in 2005)
May 2	Easter Monday (in 2005)
May 9	Victory Day
May 12	Day of Apostle Andrew
May 26	Independence Day
August 28	Mariamoba (Day of Virgin Mary)
October 14	Svetitskhovloba
November 23	Giorgoba (St. George's Day)

Places of Worship

Synagogue
45/47 Leselidze Street
Gives services in a mixture of Georgian and Hebrew

Baptist Church
Kakhovskaya Street

First Baptist Church
4 Kedia Street
Services on Sunday at 10 a.m. (Russian), 12 a.m. (Georgian),
3 p.m. (Armenian)

Sankt Peter and Pavel Catholic Church
55 I. Javakhishvili Street
Mass at 9 a.m. on Sunday's in English

Mary Ascension Catholic Church
4/2 G. Abesadze Street (near Leselidze Street)
Mass 9 a.m.



Mosque
32 Botanikuri Street

Commercial Banks

TBC Bank
11 Chavchavadze Avenue
Tbilisi 0179, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 220661
Fax: (995 32) 220406

Bank of Georgia
3 Pushkin Street
Tbilisi 0107, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 934608
Fax: (995 32) 444174

United Georgian Bank
37 Uznadze Street
Tbilisi 0102, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 997004
Fax: (995 32) 999139

ProCreditbank
74a Chavchavadze Avenue. (18 Tamar Mephe Avenue
Tbilisi 0112, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 292635, 921616
Fax: (995 32) 250580

Bank Cartu
39a Chavchavadze Avenue
Tbilisi 0162, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 230021
Fax: (995 32) 221519

Bank Republic
2 Abashidze Street
Tbilisi 0179, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 294576
Fax: (995 32) 227566

Intellectbank
127 D. Agmashenebeli Avenue
Tbilisi 0164, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 989791

Fax: (995 32) 989792

Tbiluniversalbank
70 Kostava Street
Tbilisi 0171, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 998292
Fax: (995 32) 998292

National Bank of Georgia (NBG)
Mr. Irakli Managadze, President
3/5 Leonidze Street
Tbilisi, Georgia
Tel: (995 32) 996505
Fax: (995 32) 999885

Restaurants

Santa Fe
Mexican cuisine, the only restaurant serving Mexican food in Georgia.
Akhvlediani (Perovskaya) Street (a famous street for its restaurants and bars)
Tel: (995 32) 935848

Old House (Dzveli Sakhli)
One of the best restaurants with traditional Georgian food, music and dances.
3 Right Bank of Mtkvari River
Tel: (995 32) 923497

Batonebi Bakery
Serves homemade pizzas and party catering, fresh baked goods, sandwiches and onion rings (one of the best in town)
23 Chavchavadze Avenue
Tel: (995 32) 250669

The Hangar American Bar
Popular among foreigners, nice atmosphere, Spanish menu.
20 Shavteli Street
Tel: (995 32) 931080

Picasso Chinese Restaurant
The best Chinese food in town! The price for dinner for one person is a bit higher than in other restaurants. Off Perovskaya Street, opposite Super Babylon supermarket.
Tel: (995 32) 989086

Rainers's Pizza Place (Rainer's Beer Garden)

It serves one of the best pizzas in town, it is open 7 days a week. (Rainer also has a restaurant serving predominantly German food at 37 Barnov Street)

32 Barnov Street

Tel: (995 32) 982982

Lost Paradise

Serves both Georgian and European dishes, the interior is in a French style.

2 Kakabadze Street (opposite McDonald's on Rustaveli Avenue)

Tel: (995 32) 999207

Nikala

Old style Georgian restaurant located next to sulfur bathes district, serves one of the best "Khinkali" (Georgian steamed dumplings) in Tbilisi.

7 Gorgasali Street

Tel: (995 32) 999537

Le Sans Souci

Romantic place with interesting knick-knack around, in the old part of Tbilisi, with Georgian menu.

13 Shavteli Street

Tel: (995 32) 986594

Matreshka

Serves mainly Russian cuisine. Expensive, but well-done.

Square of Heroes, near Circus

Tel: (995 32) 995778

Prego Pizzeria

Very nice atmosphere and one of the best pizzas.

2a Vazha-Pshavela Avenue

Tel: (995 32) 373610

Other Useful Links

More information about Georgia you may find at the following sites:

www.state.gov/p/eur/ci/gg/ - country information from the Department of State

www.georgia.net.ge - collection of Georgian resources on the net

www.civil.ge - Civil Georgia - Georgia on-line magazine and information service

www.tbilisipastimes.com - weekly magazine/guide to Tbilisi and Georgia

www.steele.com/GeorgAssoc - national non-profit membership corporation established in 1932 that advocates for Georgians and Georgian issues

www.afgeorgia.org - American friends of Georgia

www.assistancegeorgia.org.ge - information on humanitarian and development aid activities in Georgia

www.internet.ge/eng - different resources and information about Georgia